

## ABSTRACT

The present invention discloses a system and method for an appliance network having format-neutral multimedia communication, the network comprising two or more appliances connected to the appliance network, each of the two or more appliances having interface information defining its multimedia capabilities and a communication protocol for communicating the interface information over the appliance network, wherein each of the two or more appliances comprises an application information base (AIB) for storing interface information for each of the two or more appliances connected to the appliance network, a network interface for communicating multimedia data over the appliance network, and a multimedia manager for translating the multimedia data into a compatible format.

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